

COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Wednesday, August 18, 2020

MaryAnn Miller called the Commission on Aging and Disability Services meeting to order at 9:00 am

Roll Call

Dianne Birkholz, Judy Braun, Shirley Kitchen, MaryAnn Miller, Lorna Negen, Gary Schmidt, Del Yaroch

Also Present

Jackie DeLaRosa, Sheila Drays, Rob Griesel, Catherine Knickelbein, Ashley Sanborn, Kris Schefft

Excused

Jody Langfeldt

Absent

Judy Patenaude

Roll Call, Introductions, and Non-Member County Board Members

Roll call and introductions commenced.

Public Comment

None

Action on the Minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting

Del Yaroch motioned and Lorna Negen seconded to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Review and Discuss By-Laws

MaryAnn Miller recommended to table this topic until next meeting.

Aging/Nutrition/Transportation Supervisor's Activity Updates

Jackie DeLaRosa stated that sites started closing in March. First the Watermark and then Mayville. Due to the stay at home order and COVID-19 risks, the volunteer drivers were uncomfortable driving. Jackie proposed to Feil's to start freezing meals to allow serving of five frozen meals one time per week to participants versus the one hot meal per day in hopes to lessen contact with our high risk population. A driver and a bus was borrowed from the Transportation Program to make this transition happen. Numbers have decreased since the hot meals even though at least 100 participants were added to the routes. Conversion back to hot meals has started slowly. On 8/3, Beaver Dam, Randolph, and Juneau opened back up to daily home delivered meals. Congregate is still not open at this time but congregate participants wanting a meal will be receiving staggered pick up times. On 8/17, Hustisford, Horicon, and Reeseville will resume hot meals. Lastly, on 8/31, Mayville and Lomira will convert back to daily hot meals. Safety procedures are in place for staff and volunteers.

Jackie stated transportation never stopped providing essential rides. Most of the drivers decided to stay home in March. Drivers are now returning and number of rides continues to increase. Jackie is looking at hiring one new van driver.

Overview: we have two driver programs, the volunteer driver program and the paid van drivers. The volunteer drivers will receive mileage reimbursement if they choose and the paid van drivers use a fleet of vehicles to transport disabled individuals. This is available to all residents of Dodge County. We can go out of state but need board approval to do so. We can go anywhere in state. Cities with a local taxi, we ask they utilize their taxi service. If a rider cannot afford the trip, there are coupon books available to assist in paying for the trips. Lorna Negen asked reimbursement for MTM rides is possible. Jackie stated that this does happen but only through MTM and they must be medical rides.

Jackie provided a generic federal poverty level handout to all members of the board. Jackie explained that each program has its own set of deductions so income limits vary.

Dementia/Caregiver Program Specialist Program Updates

Rob Griesel spoke about the lending libraries being worked on throughout the community which will have adult and children books. The Monday Morning Caregiver Coffee Hour that meet once a month is being extended through the end of the year. Rob stated there is a pilot program, a virtual arts café. You put together and drop off kits and participants meet over zoom and make the crafts. Once a month for four months. There will be a second series once the first one concludes. There is also men's caregiver virtual meetings. Around 31 caregiver kits have been handed out to our current caregivers. Rob also states a three-week series on driving with dementia is currently being worked out between Dodge and Jefferson County.

Implementation of Additional National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) Grant Dollars

Catherine Knickelbein explained NFCSP money. Because of COVID, there are extra monies available so she is starting a Scout Program. Tablets and robot pets will be purchased using the available funds. Catherine and Olivia Gerritson will then hold virtual classes to show people how to use the technology. Catherine did a demonstration on what it would look like. Catherine mentioned there is also an online book club taking place and that has been going well. Shirley Kitchen asked what the cost will be to purchase all the gadgets and requested a robot pet be brought to the next meeting to show members of this board.

Benefit Specialist Activity Updates

Ashley Sanborn reviewed handout provided to members of this board. Brief discussion was held.

ADRC/Aging Supervisor's Activity Updates

May, June, and July 2020 call statistics were provided for members of this board and briefly discussed. Some of our ADRC staff have been working in different areas recently. Some are providing medical transportation rides while others are making phone calls for Public Health. Lorna Negen asked if there are increased numbers for Adult Protective Services (APS) with being confined due to COVID. Kris Schefft replies that people waiting too long to go to the doctor and financial abuse calls are the calls the ADRC continues to receive.

Kris states for better quality and continuity, every county will give the same information for options counseling and reports to the State.

Future Agenda Items - Opportunity to Request Topics of Discussion for Future Meetings

Going forward, one staff member of the ADRC is requested to come to every meeting and explain what their position does.

Review of Operations

None

Meetings in 2020

The next meetings of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services will hold an additional meeting on September 15 at 9 am to go over bylaws, location to be determined, as well as regularly scheduled meetings on **October 13** and **December 8 at 9:00 am** in the **Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Auditorium Rooms H & I.**

Adjournment

Chairperson MaryAnn Miller adjourned this meeting of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services at 9:42 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Braun, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting.